

## Assembly Bill No. 1470

### CHAPTER 309

An act relating to food banks, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1470, Cardoza. Food banks.

Federal law generally creates the Emergency Food Assistance Program, which is run locally by the State Department of Social Services to distribute commodities donated by the United States Department of Agriculture and fresh and packaged produce donated by California's food growers, packers, and processors. Existing California law creates the Emergency Food and Assistance Advisory Board to assist in operating this program.

This bill would appropriate \$575,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Social Services for allocation to the Emergency Food and Assistance Program, in augmentation to specified funds appropriated in the Budget Act of 2000, to help mitigate the impact of the Tri-Valley Growers Association bankruptcy and for the Emergency Food and Assistance Program to continue to accept, transport, and distribute United States Department of Agriculture commodities and other donated food.

This bill would provide that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Appropriation: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. The sum of five hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$575,000) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Social Services for allocation to the Emergency Food Assistance Program. This appropriation shall be in augmentation of Item 5180-001-0001 of the Budget Act of 2000. Three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) shall be used to accept fresh and canned produce to mitigate the impact of the Tri-Valley Growers Association bankruptcy, and two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) shall be used by the Emergency Food Assistance Program to continue to accept, transport, and distribute United States Department of Agriculture commodities and other donated food.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to ensure that millions of dollars worth of donated foods for needy families in California are distributed and received, it is necessary for this act to take effect immediately.

